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In re application of:

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Serial No.: 09/557,804

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For: **CELLULOSE ETHERS AND METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of  
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Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.197 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents listed thereon.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is

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The undersigned is also enclosing herewith an English translation of each of the foreign language documents identified in Form PTO-1449. It is believed that the applicant in the above-identified patent application has therefore met the "concise explanation" requirement of 35 C.F.R. 1.98.

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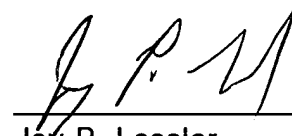
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